

Bringing the County Closer to You!

Isiah Leggett, County Executive Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrator Officer Catherine Matthews, Director Robert Nelson, UCAB Chair

#### May 27, 2015

### UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting Monday, June 1 7:00pm-9:00pm Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

**Topic: Homelessness in Montgomery County** 

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to <a href="mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov">catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

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### Residents Invited to Participate in Live Online Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett Tuesday, June 2 1:00pm-2:00pm

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will hold a "virtual" town hall meeting and County residents will be able to ask questions before and during the chat at <u>Live Discussion</u>. Questions and answers will be posted both during and after the chat. For more information, call the Office of Public Information at 240-777-6507.

### Hurricane and Summer Storm Season begins June 1

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May 24-30 is National Hurricane Preparedness Week; Montgomery County's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Offers Storm Tips

For important information and tips, see the entire news release at <a href="http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR">http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR</a> details.asp?PrID=14882.

For additional emergency information visit the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security website at: <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs">www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs</a>.

Leadership Montgomery Application Deadlines Approaching Quickly!

June 5 deadline for applications!

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Applications for the <u>Emerging Leaders</u> and <u>Senior</u> programs are due June 5. Applications are still being accepted for the <u>Youth</u> program. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit for these programs, please encourage them to apply. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org">https://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org</a>

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## County Hosts Community Conversation to Seek Public Input about Health and Quality of Life Issues

Tuesday, June 2 7:00pm-9:00pm.

Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

County residents are invited to participate in more than one dozen community conversations sponsored by Healthy Montgomery, a community-based effort to improve the health and well-being of Montgomery County residents. The "conversations" will help provide input and feedback to complete a community health needs assessment. Attendees will have an opportunity to share their views about how Montgomery County can be a healthier place to live.

Each session will last approximately two hours and refreshments will be served. For other dates and locations, see the news release at <a href="http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\_details.asp?PrID=14813">http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\_details.asp?PrID=14813</a>

Additional sessions will be announced at a later date. To register for one of the sessions, call 240-777-4527 or email <a href="mailto:Yvonne.bailey@montgomerycountymd.gov">Yvonne.bailey@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

Healthy Montgomery, the County's Community Health Improvement Process, was launched in 2009 and is an ongoing effort that brings together a broad range of individuals representing County government agencies, the six community hospitals, minority health programs/initiatives, advocacy groups, academic institutions and the health insurance community to develop action plans to improve the health and well-being of all Montgomery County residents, especially groups most at risk for poor health. For more information about Healthy Montgomery, go to <a href="https://www.healthymontgomery.org">www.healthymontgomery.org</a>.

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# **Community Meeting on Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Facility Plan for Expansion of the Active Recreation Area**

Wednesday, June 3 7:00pm-9:00pm Rocky Hill Middle School Cafeteria 22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg



Please join Montgomery Parks at a <u>Community Meeting</u> to learn more about the next phase for the development of <u>Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park</u> located 16315 Skylark Road, Clarksburg. Discussion will include the proposal to add a carousel and other amenities in the vicinity of the existing ball fields to create a family destination, as proposed by the recently approved Master Plan Update. For additional information about the project, please visit <u>www.parkprojects.org</u> and click Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park, Facility Plan under 'Public Meetings.'

For additional information or to submit comments, contact:

Kimberly Paniati, Project Manager M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901

Email: Kimberly.Paniati@MontgomeryParks.org

Phone: (301) 495-2456

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## District Court Judges to Provide Information on Common Ownership Community Collection Lawsuits

Wednesday, June 10 7:00pm-9:00pm Council Office Building 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) and the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) will host an informational session about condominium and homeowners association lawsuits regarding the collection of dues and fees. There are more than 1,000 common ownership communities operating in Montgomery County, and on occasion, they may need to file legal action in District Court when their unit owners fail to pay dues and fees. Homeowner associations and condominium boards of directors, attorneys and unit owners may all benefit from hearing information directly from the judges who currently rule on these lawsuits.

The session is free, however, registration is requested by calling 240-777-3636. See <u>flyer</u> for more information.

OCP, the County's consumer protection agency, investigates thousands of complaints each year involving automotive sales and repairs, new home purchases, home improvements, credit issues, retail sales, internet services and most other consumer transactions. OCP provides pre-purchase information to consumers, as well as speakers to the community on consumer issues. OCP serves as staff to Montgomery County's Commission on Common Ownership Communities.

For additional information about Montgomery County's Commission on Common Ownership Communities call (240) 777-3636 or visit <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccoc">www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccoc</a>.

For additional information about the Office of Consumer Protection, call 240-777-3636 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OCP



33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebrate! Gaithersburg Street Festival Sunday, June 14 12:00noon – 5:00pm around the intersection of Summit and Diamond Avenues

The 33rd Annual Celebrate! Gaithersburg Festival will draw an entire community to Gaithersburg's historic city center. The one-day event will include multiple stages of live entertainment, food, and themed activity areas for all ages and interests.

Free shuttle service is available to and from satellite parking at Lakeforest Shopping Center. Additional parking is available at the <u>Activity Center at Bohrer Park</u>, less than a quarter mile from the festival area.

For more information, visit: http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/celebrate-gaithersburg-in-olde-towne

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# Montgomery County is Accepting Nominations for Landscaping and Photography Competitions

Nominations are being accepted for the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) annual Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) Landscaping and Photography competitions.

The **29th Annual Landscape Contest** is open to community groups, businesses, public institutions and other organizations undertaking landscaping projects that enhance the appearance of commonly owned sections of commercial or residential properties in Montgomery County. Landscaping along County roadsides, medians, or other public locations is also eligible for the award. Nominations are due by June 22.

For the **24th Annual Amateur Photography Contest**, photos of County locations or residents are judged on effective composition, originality, interest and relevance of the subject matter, and technique. Categories include Montgomery

County by day or by night, County landmarks, people, and persons at work. There is also an optional youth category for aspiring photographers age 18 and younger who wish to be judged only against their peers. Applications due by June 30.

MCDOT's Community Outreach website has photos of last year's winning entries for both contests and the landscaping and photography contest applications, which explain the guidelines and judging criteria.

For more information, contact Community Outreach at 240-777-7155 or <a href="mailto:mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov">mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> to request a nomination form either by mail or electronically.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon Wednesday, June 24 11:00am-2:00pm North Bethesda Marriott Hotel & Conference Center 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda

Keynote Speaker: Danny Farrar, CEO and Co-Founder of Montgomery County-based company, SoldierFit

For more details, visit http://www.choosemontgomerymd.com/montgomery-county-small-business-awards#.VWY2jTvJDct

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### Save the Date!

### **HERITAGE DAYS 2015**

Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28 12:00noon - 4pm at over 35 sites throughout Montgomery County

Sponsored by the Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery), the 18th annual **Heritage Days Weekend** is back and better than ever! Visit over 35 sites all around Montgomery County open with **FREE ADMISSION** from noon to 4pm each day highlighting local history & culture, outdoor recreation, children's activities, music, food, and fun! Visitors of all ages will enjoy musical performances, history and nature hikes, art exhibits, reenactments, games & crafts, refreshments, and history, too! For details on Heritage Days Weekend and a guide/map to all participating sites, check the Heritage Montgomery website, www.HeritageMontgomery.org or call 301-515-0753.

Heritage Montgomery, located in Germantown, Maryland is dedicated to promoting and supporting heritage tourism to county historical, cultural, and natural areas, helping tell their stories and attract visitors to their sites.

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### NOTE: The Council is on recess May 25 - June 5

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <a href="http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp">http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp</a> <a href="Palaning Board">Planning Board</a> <a href="http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\_releases">http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\_releases</a>

#### Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library</a>

Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp

Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection <a href="http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp">http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp</a>

Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <a href="http://www.montgomeryserves.org">http://www.montgomeryserves.org</a>

Office of Community Partnerships <a href="http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html">http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html</a>

Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html